



I-5 Open Space Plan- 2.20.03 Progress Meeting Agenda and Comments

Agenda

Introductions 7:00

Project Description..... 7:10

- David Goldberg

Planning Process and Schedule..... 7:20

- Cascade Design Collaborative (Lorraine Pai)

Community Involvement 7:30

- Decision Making Process (David)

Opportunities and Constraints..... 7:45

- Review of Comments from July 2001
- Opportunities and constraints within site (Lorraine)
- Round Robin of Concerns/Hopes (All)
- Prioritizing Concerns (Dots)

Next Steps

- Inventory, Analysis, Preliminary Concepts (David)
- Artist Selection
- Public Workshop

Notes

Present: Roger Donahe, Ethan Espie, Sharon Fisher, Frank Gonzalez, Dominic Grove, Simon Lawton, Chris Leman, Sharon LeVine, Jerry Malmo, Christopher Mapes, Laura Middleton, Karen Moe, Preston Peterson, Norman Peterson, Sheila Rue, Anne Schopf, Jack Tomkinson, Art Tuftee, Kelly Wood

Mountain Bikes

- Mountain bikers want a place they can ride to
- Mountain bikers bring organization and clout to the project. Good ally.
- Short trail means more technical (mountain bike course) rather than speed
- Tight trails reduce speed (3-5) mph. Water detention towers could filter rainwater for irrigation reuse
- Area to south is great opportunity for mountain bikes

- Bikers can park further away
- Mountain bikes don't want dust. Consider using trail surfaces that do not generate dust
- Bikers are quiet, because they're working too hard to talk
- Steep areas are good for mountain bikes. They have engineering types on BBTC
- Consider the overall steepness of areas in bike trail design

Off Leash

- Consider whether bikes will startle dogs

- Other off leash areas relieve pressure on this area
- Need truck access to remove dog waste
- City Ordinance provides clear guidance
- Owners of dogs steward the area. They pick up their poop
- Benches within Off Leash Area to create meeting place
- Property values will increase with construction of park
- People like to do more than just walk dog. Be creative within the off leash area since its new
- Constraint of lack of water for dog run
- Irrigation is expensive- limit costs

Parking

- Parking study is needed
- Parking is used by commuters

Storm Detention/WSDOT

- Involve WSDOT early
- Flat areas at premium for many activities-WSDOT detention will want flat area

Design Opportunities

- Activity on stairway is exciting. Good to draw people to site-multiple activities are good
- Columns create east/west rooms, a series of spaces –has constraints and opportunities
- “Rooms” give a chance to see different activities – Lots of opportunities to do detention
- South end is good for active uses
- Consider a drinking water and restroom
- Can we use maintenance, transportation facilities? Parking lot isn’t used (on weekends)
- Consider alternate surfaces to cover ground and to reduce irrigation

Site - Physical Considerations

- There are a lot of critical areas
- There are some quiet spaces under the freeway
- Is closing freeway slots a possibility? Slots provide light into the site
- There was a lot of vegetation before they tore it up during drainage work.

Requires start up time and irrigation for growth

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Other

- Property values will increase with construction of park
- Work to restore trust with community members regarding process
- Study more area between Garfield and Aloha Street